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COMMITTEE TO HELP SOLVE  
KAIBAB DEER HERD PROBLEM

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To help solve the problem presented by the 40,000 head of deer now inhabiting the Kaibab National Forest in northern Arizona, the Secretary of Agriculture has appointed a committee of six men to study the situation this summer and make a report to the chief of the Forest Service, according to an announcement from the United States Department of Agriculture.

John B. Burnham of New York City, president of the American Game Protective and Propagation Association, is to be chairman of the committee. William C. Gregg of Hackensack, New Jersey, will represent the National Parks Association as an authority on the Grand Canyon which adjoins the Kaibab National Forest and which accordingly is interested in the question of the Kaibab deer herd.

Livestock Association Represented.

The American National Livestock Association will be represented on the committee by T. W. Tomlinson, the association's secretary, since the question of permits to graze cattle and sheep on the Kaibab Forest is intimately related to the future of the deer herd.

Heyward Cutting of New York City, representing the Boone and Crockett Club, Albert W. Harris of Chicago, representing the Izaak Walton League, and Hal G. Evarts, nationally known writer on wild life, complete the committee.

The committee will reach the Kaibab Forest about the middle of August and will spend all the time necessary to make a thorough study of the entire

forest area and the adjacent regions.

"The question of how to handle the Kaibab National Forest deer <sup>herd</sup> ~~is~~ puzzling," states Colonel Greeley, head of the Forest Service. Because of the lack of sufficient forage, to allow the herd to keep increasing without making definite provision for its care can not be considered for a moment.

The Forest Service has already reduced the number of cattle and sheep allowed to graze on the area to almost the minimum limits, and despite these reductions in domestic animals the area is overstock by from 10,000 to 15,000 head of game animals.

"I have high hopes that the committee appointed by Secretary Wallace will be able to help the Department of Agriculture solve the problem satisfactorily to all citizens interested."